



Holy Week

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WORSHIP FOR APRIL 15, 2022
GOOD FRIDAY

“The edges of God are tragedy; the depths of God are joy, beauty, resurrection, life.”
Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki

PRELUDE “Epitaphe” Louis Vierne
Bill Dickinson, organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,
who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and for our salvation
Christ became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Surely, he has borne our grief
and carried our sorrow;
and yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

PSALM 22

PRAYER

THE SONG OF HEZEKIAH (Isaiah 38:10-20)

In my despair I said,

“In the noonday of my life I must depart;
my unspent years are summoned to the portals of death.”

And I said,

**“No more shall I see the Lord in the land of the living,
never more look on my kind among dwellers on earth.**

My house is pulled down and I am uncovered,
as when a shepherd strikes his tent.

**My life is rolled up like a bolt of cloth,
the threads cut off from the loom.**

Between sunrise and sunset my life is brought to an end;
I cower and hope for the dawn.

**Like a lion he has crushed all my bones;
like a swallow or thrush I utter plaintive cries;
I mourn like a dove.**

My weary eyes look up to you;
Lord, be my refuge in my affliction.”

**But what can I say? for he has spoken;
it is he who has done this.**

Slow and halting are my steps all my days,
because of the bitterness of my spirit.

**O Lord, I recounted all these things to you
and you rescued me;
when entreated, you restored my life.**

I know now that my bitterness was for my good,
for you held me back from the pit of destruction,
you cast all my sins behind you.

**The grave does not thank you nor death give you praise;
nor do those at the brink of the grave hang on your promises.**

It is the living, O Lord,
the living who give you thanks as I do this day;
and parents speak of your faithfulness to their children.

**You, Lord, are my Savior,
I will praise you with stringed instruments
all the days of my life, in the house of the Lord.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION “Antienne no. 1” H. Gagnon

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 27: 27-31, 45

REFLECTION Chuck Dayton

HYMN 98 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 23:32-35, 38-43

REFLECTION Sue Dayton

HYMN 92 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 15:34-39

REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 15: 42-47

ANTHEM "Were You There?"
Oaknoll Trio: Jo Benda, Ray Muston, Charles Platz

PRAYER

POSTLUDE "Prelude in G minor" J.S. Bach

You are welcome to stay as long as you wish for individual prayer and meditation. There is no benediction.

Our worship today concludes with the joyful celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 17. A worship service will be held outdoors at 8:00 a.m. This will be followed by breakfast in Rockwood Hall beginning around 8:30. At 10:15 we will celebrate with choir and brass.

The congregation is asked to leave quietly.